

Sandy City Business Watch

Sandy City Police Department



Employee Theft

Some say employee theft is the price of doing business. True or not, there are crime prevention procedures you can take to minimize the opportunity for employees to carry out this offense.

Look for unusual occurrences in the workplace such as:

- discrepancies of cash amounts
- missing merchandise or supplies
- vehicles parked close to exits, i.e., an employee's vehicle parked in a loading area
- unlocked exits

Watch the employee's behavior for:

- unusual working hours
- poor work performance
- unjustified complaints about employment
- defensiveness when reporting on work
- an unexplained close relationship with, or unjustified favoritism by, a supplier or customer
- a personal lifestyle that doesn't match salary

Here are a few crime prevention measures

- Supervise employees closely
- Use purchase orders
- Control cash receipts
- Install computer security measures
- Track your business checks
- Manage inventory
- Employee reporting policy

For more information:

<https://www.bizfilings.com/toolkit/research-topics/office-hr/detecting-and-combating-employee-theft>

<https://www.score.org/resource/10-ways-prevent-employee-theft-and-fraud>



Credit Card Fraud

How often have you witnessed sales associates taking damaged or broken credit cards while you are waiting in the checkout line? How do they know if the card is legitimate or being used to commit fraud? There are elements to look for if you think the credit card is being used illegally.

Check to see if:

1. Card looks like it has been tampered with
2. Security features damaged or absent
3. Card looks counterfeit

So if you choose to accept a damaged card, do so at your own risk. Or safer yet, do not accept the card at all.

A common card-present fraud scheme occurs when cards are presented that are defaced so that they cannot be read by either magnetic strip or chip readers. Counterfeit cards are often damaged as pretext to bypass their anti-fraud features. If you have an electronic point-of-sale terminal, swipe or dip every card that is handed to you, no matter how damaged or worn. Be wary of customers who let you know right away that their card won't read.

It's your business, and therefore your right to simply ask for another form of payment, or to decline the transaction rather than manually key-in information from a damaged card.

<https://www.vantiv.com/secure-payment-systems/avoiding-credit-card-fraud>

(Card dipping is the insertion of a credit or debit card into a reader in an automated teller machine (ATM) or EMV point of sale (POS) terminal. Dipping can be contrasted with swiping, the act of sliding a magnetic stripe card quickly through a magnetic stripe reader.)



Here are some warning signs a customer may be using a fraudulent credit card:

- First-time shopper
- Larger than normal order
- Order that includes several of the same item
- Order with many big-ticket items
- Rush or overnight shipping requested
- Shipping to an international address
- Transactions with similar account numbers
- Transactions placed on multiple cards all shipping to a single address
- Multiple transactions on one card over a short period of time
- Multiple transactions on a card with a single billing address, shipping to multiple addresses
- Multiple cards used from a single IP address
- Orders from Internet addresses that make use of free e-mail services

More information:

<https://usa.visa.com/support/small-business/fraud-protection.html>

January 1 - March 31, 2019					
Sandy City Offenses	Alta	Bell	Crescent	Sandy	Total
Arson	1			2	3
Assault	25	11	43	109	188
Burglary	10	4	20	57	91
Controlled Substances	28	4	47	143	222
Damaged Property	20	11	30	42	103
Embezzlement	1		4	4	9
Extortion				1	1
Family Offenses	25	6	20	75	126
Fish and Game	4		4	9	17
Flight or Escape	8	1	10	48	67
Forgery	3		2	15	20
Fraudulent	31	5	33	65	134
Health or Safety				1	1
Homicide	1		1		2
Kidnapping	1	1	4	3	9
Liquor Law		1	1		2
Obstructing Justice	1		1	2	4
Obstructing Police	2	1	3	15	21
Privacy Violations	4	2	15	37	58
Public Order	60	39	62	198	359
Public Peace	41	18	49	105	213
Robbery				4	4
Sex Offenses	3	4	8	31	46
Stolen Property	3		4	7	14
Stolen Vehicles	8	2	18	59	87
Theft	80	13	122	188	403
Traffic Offenses	103	26	180	388	697
Weapons Offenses	1		4	10	15
Total	464	149	685	1,618	2,916

Alta - 1300 East to the east border, north border to the gully; **Bell** - 1300 E to the east border, the gully to the south border; **Crescent** - west border to 1300 East, the gully to the south border; **Sandy** - west border to 1300 E, north border to the gully.